

# Safety Update

## Ohio BWC Library



### Division of Safety & Hygiene's July webinars

BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene (DSH) continues our series of free webinars covering a variety of workplace safety topics. Below is a list of dates and topics, including a link to register for the July webinars.

- July 7 – What Does a Safety and Health Program Look Like?
- July 14 – Safe Patient Handling: Is Your Facility Following the Guidelines?
- July 21 – Hearing Conservation Program
- July 28 – Developing a Driver Safety Program



DSH safety experts conduct the webinars. Each webinar lasts about one hour.

[Learn more and register for any of the July webinars here.](#)

### Ohio BWC News

#### Responsible RestartOhio

To help Ohio businesses restart safely in accordance with the Responsible RestartOhio initiative, we added a [webpage](#) with frequently asked questions and a COVID-19 resource guide. If you have safety and health questions or concerns about how to restart your business, refer to this resource or [request a safety consultation](#).

On May 20, we also began [sending millions of face coverings to Ohio employers](#) and their workforce as many return to the workplace for the first time since the emergence of COVID-19 in Ohio. As of June 25, we had sent approximately 5 million face coverings to 100,000 employers around the state. We will send more as we secure additional supplies.



## **“Up to All of Us” Public Awareness Campaign**

As part of our ongoing mission of protecting Ohio’s workforce, we are providing a public awareness ad campaign about COVID-19 called “Up to All of Us.” Governor Mike DeWine announced the campaign in late June.



The [30-second ad](#) that we provided highlights the importance of Ohioans taking proper preventative precautions, like maintaining social distance and washing hands, in order to get Ohioans back to work, and our economy working again. The 30-second spot is airing alongside ads the Ohio Department of Health has provided about the [use of face masks](#) and [social distancing](#).

### **NIOSH/CDC News**

#### **Resuming Business Toolkit**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a [toolkit](#) to guide employers seeking to resume normal or phased business operations. It based the toolkit [on its Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers Responding to COVID-19](#). It is designed to assist employers in implementing this guidance in their workplaces. These tools help employers in planning, preparing, and responding to COVID-19.

#### **Behind the Wheel at Work**

Reduce traffic crashes this summer by learning more about distracted driving from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The NIOSH Center for Motor Vehicle Safety’s latest newsletter [Behind the Wheel at Work](#) presents the science behind distracted driving, a checklist for developing a distracted driving policy, quizzes, and more.

#### **Coronavirus Information for Agricultural Workers and Employers**

This [CDC website](#) contains information to assist the agricultural industry in identifying and reducing risks to workers. The site has information on exposure risks, creating assessment and control plans, monitoring workers, managing sick workers, and more.

### **OSHA News**

#### **OSHA Coronavirus Guidance**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has launched a [webpage](#) with coronavirus-related guidance for construction employers and workers. The guidance includes recommended actions to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus such as using physical barriers, keeping in-person meetings like toolbox talks short, and staggering work schedules among other recommendations.

#### **Multi-language Respirator Poster**

The [Seven Steps to Correctly Wear a Respirator at Work Poster](#), which shows employers and workers how to properly wear and remove a respirator, is available for download in 16 languages.

## CPWR's COVID-19 Webinar Series: Safety in Action – An Example from the Job Site

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The Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) is offering a free webinar from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT July 2. The webinar discusses how CPWR and NIOSH are addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in the construction industry. To sign-up for the webinar, visit the [CPWR-NIOSH-OSHA COVID-19 Webinar Series](#) page.

## Preventing Head Injuries

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CPWR has a new hazard alert card on [Preventing Head Injuries](#). Learn about head injury hazards, signs of a concussion, and different types of head protection.

## Robot Safety Update Webinar

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The Robotic Industries Association (RIA) is offering a free webinar from noon to 1 p.m. EDT July 21. The webinar covers updates to robot safety standards and technical reports, including a review of the upcoming new industrial mobile robot safety standard, R15.08, Part 1. Visit the [Robot Safety Update page](#) to register for this event.

## Our Driving Concern

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The National Safety Council (NSC) in conjunction with the [Our Driving Concern Texas Employer Traffic Safety Program](#) posted two new videos on [pedestrian safety](#) and [bicycle safety](#) with tips for everyone sharing the road including motorists. Be aware of everyone on the road while walking, biking, or driving to and from work.

## CMV Drug and Alcohol Data

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The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse released its first [monthly summary report](#). Using data from the beginning of 2020, the report includes the number of commercial driver violations reported to the clearinghouse and a list of substances identified in positive drug tests, naming marijuana as the most common drug found.

## Who Telecommutes? Where is the Time Saved Spent?

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) published a working paper (WP-523) on the topic of [employee telecommuting](#). The paper argues that telecommuting provides the ability for employees to reallocate time spent commuting to higher value activities, including leisure and child/elderly parent care. The paper also discusses current trends and statistics in telecommuting.

## Heat Stress

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We are entering the hottest part of the year. If you work in hot environments there are things you can do to keep safe. This [website from CPWR](#) contains toolbox talks, general information, infographics, and links to heat-related resources from OSHA and NIOSH.

## Electrical Safety Around Water

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When you want to cool off, a nice dip in the water sounds good. There are potential electrical hazards that exist in swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, on board boats, and in the waters surrounding boats, marinas and launch ramps. Learn about those risks and how to avoid them on the [National Fire Protection Association's website](#).

## Operation Safe Driver Week

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**Operation Safe Driver Week** is July 12-18, 2020. Law enforcement agencies across North America increase traffic safety enforcement and education aimed at combating unsafe driving behaviors by both commercial motor vehicle and passenger-vehicle drivers. The activities have a goal of increasing commercial vehicle and non-commercial vehicle traffic enforcement, safety belt enforcement, driver roadside inspections, and driver regulatory compliance.

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